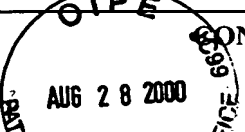




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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of the prior application number 09 076,115 filed on May 12, 1998 entitled: Methods for Production and Purification of Nucleic Acid Molecules.

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR § 1.51(b) or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. A Notice will be placed on a patent issuing from a CPA, except for reissues and designs, to the effect that the patent issued on a CPA and is subject to the twenty-year term provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 154(a)(2). Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 8, 1995.

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR § 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR § 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 CFR § 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR § 1.53(d)(4).
 - a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

 - b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth in a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
 - a. ☐ PTO-1449
 - b. ☐ Copies of IDS citations



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	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR § 1.16(c) or (j))	20-20* =	0	x \$ 18.00 =	\$ 00.00
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				BASIC FEE (37 CFR § 1.16)	\$ 690.00
	Total of above Calculations =				690.00
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	* Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent. **Reissue independent claims over original patent.			TOTAL =	690.00

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- a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed, if (b) and (c) do not apply.
- b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. ☐ Is no longer claimed.

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- a. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16.
- b. ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR § 1.17.
- c. ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR § 1.18.

8. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 690.00 is enclosed.9. ☐ New Attorney Docket Number, if desired _____

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10. a. ☐ Receipt For Facsimile Transmitted CPA (PTO/SB/29A)

- b.
- ☒
- Return Receipt Postcard (Should be specifically itemized, See MPEP 503)

11. ☐ Other: A Petition for the Extension of Time for the Parent Application**NOTE:**

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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Request Transmittal;
2. Check No. 28552 in the amount of \$690.00 to cover the filing fee;
3. Preliminary Remarks; and
4. Return postcard.

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It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian J. Del Buono", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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